A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 20th August 1924 to clause (3) of question No. 272.

The additional cost in 1924–25 is not now expected to exceed nine lakhs of rupees. No estimate with regard to the cost in 1925–26 and 1926–27 has yet been made.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" I want to ask whether that money of Rs. 9 lakhs has been found, and, if so, how."

The hon. Mr. R. A. GRAHAM :—" The money has to be found (laughter)."

Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo :—" Is it likely that the amount will exceed Rs. 9 lakhs in 1925–26 and 1926–27, and, if so, by how much ?"

The hon. Mr. R. A. GRAHAM :—" I cannot say what it will be in 1925–26. It will depend upon how much is paid in 1924–25. It is possible there may be arrears to be paid."

Collectorates.

Non-Brahman clerks, Madura.

*12 *Q.*—Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Collector of Madura is ousting non-Brahman permanent clerks who have passed Secondary School-Leaving Certificate Examination to give room for applicants who have passed higher examinations ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that he has called for a list of graduates entertained by the Divisional Officers under him ; and

(*c*) the number of Brahman and non-Brahman clerks in the Collector's office at Madura ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) As a permanent clerk cannot be deprived of his appointment for the reason stated, the Government have no reason to suppose that the Collector has taken action as suggested.

(*c*) The hon. Member is referred to the Revenue Establishment list of the Madura district available in the Council Library.

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" With reference to the answer to clauses (*a*) and (*b*), where it is stated that a permanent clerk cannot be deprived of his appointment, may I know whether there is any physical impossibility involved ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" I am afraid I am not a doctor (laughter)."

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" Where is the difficulty ? There is an allegation made in the question. Will the Government inquire ?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" Certainly, if the hon. Member will give me instances where such a thing has occurred. "

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" It is not quite possible now to give any specific case. It is stated, so far as information goes, that the Collector is doing such a thing. Will the Government be pleased to make the necessary inquiries ?"

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The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—"I am not prepared to make inquiries on a general allegation. If the hon. Member will give me specific instances, I shall be very pleased to inquire."

Giving effect to G.O. No. 1343, Revenue, dated 3rd September 1924.

*13 Q.—Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the G.O. No. 1343, dated 3rd September 1924, is acted upon by the Collectors uniformly;

(b) whether individual cases in which it has been departed from have been brought to the notice of the Government;

(c) what steps the Government have taken in such cases; and

(d) whether the Government Order will be applicable in the case of a clerk who had acted continuously for a number of years, but who had a break in the service at the time when the Government Order came into force and was entertained afterwards?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) As no case in which the order has been departed from has been brought to the notice of Government, the Government hope that the instructions have been correctly observed.

(d) The case put is not covered by the letter of the instructions issued.

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—"With regard to the last clause of the question, clause (d), I want to know whether it will not work hardship in the case of clerks who have been acting continuously for a number of years but who had a break in the service at the time when the Government Order was passed. Do not the Government consider it necessary to find a remedy in regard to those people?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—"I do not think there is a case to issue general instructions, though it might be possible to consider the circumstances in particular cases."

Inams.

Inam lands for charitable purposes.

*14 Q.—Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that inam lands dedicated to charitable purposes and for services to be rendered, are alienated by inamdars;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the Government in such cases resume the inam, levy full assessment and issue ryotwari patta to the alienee; and

(c) whether in such cases any provision is made to continue the charity or service?

A.—(a) Such cases do occur.

(b) & (c) The hon. Member is referred to Board's Standing Order No. 54.